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REGIONAL REVIEW

Reaching new heights in the region



WELCOME
DR. DENNIS GEORGE
Associate Provost for
Regional Higher Education

As you can see in these pages, it's another banner year for WKU's Regional Campuses at [Elizabethtown-Fort Knox](#), [Glasgow](#), and [Owensboro](#). The outstanding faculty and staff at these campuses are dedicated to delivering the highest quality educational and co-curricular experiences to all of our

students from the time they first inquire until they are walking across the stage at commencement. They also deliver outstanding advising and nurturing for students from our community college partners as they complete their associate degree and prepare to transition from their community college to WKU. The events and activities described in this newsletter clearly demonstrate that their focus is making the WKU experience at a regional campus second to none!

GATHERING ON THE HILL



Following the President's Convocation in August, WKU's Regional Campuses hosted a meet and greet at WKU's Faculty House. Attendees were greeted with live music by Bruce Kessler. Dr. George made brief remarks and Thomas Bratcher talked about his experience as a current regional campus student. Guests enjoyed good conversation and a southern style brunch.

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ONE UNIVERSITY. FOUR CONVENIENT CAMPUSES.



SCENES FROM THE GATHERING ON THE HILL





CHAT WITH THE CHANCELLOR

DR. EVELYN ELLIS

WKU Elizabethtown-Fort Knox
Regional Chancellor

It is that time of year again when the leaves on the trees are turning vibrant hues of orange, red, and gold. Apples, pumpkins, and county fairs take on special meaning as the signs of summer make way for cooler temperatures as well as football games, and bonfires. For me, memories from long ago conjure up in my mind the smell of crayons, waxed hardwood classroom floors, steam radiators that go pop, pop, pop, and purple ditto sheets. I am reminded that it is back-to-school time!



SAVE THE DATE



2016 Fort Knox Military Commencement

Thursday, Nov. 17

3:30 p.m. (EST)

Olive Theater

Bldg. 5928, 5931 Rhineland St.
Fort Knox, Kentucky

Faculty and staff at Western
Kentucky University

Elizabethtown-Fort Knox (WKU-E) are thrilled to welcome everyone to another great and exciting academic year of teaching, learning, and exploration at each of our Elizabethtown, Hardin County Schools' Early College and Career Center (EC3), and Fort Knox locations. We spent our summer focusing on ways to ensure this academic year is filled with lots of student success and opportunities to expand one's personal horizons. There are plenty of activities in which our students, community partners, and friends of WKU-E can become involved. The WKU International Year of (IYO) South Korea will headline many such activities, ranging from kimchi-tasting, to a Korean Cartoon Carnival, to Korean traveling exhibits just to cite a few. Additionally, the WKU-E Student Body Association (SBA) will host a variety of extracurricular events and activities to meet the interests of students and their families. Plans for the 2017 WKU-E SPLASH at the Fort Knox Water Park are already underway and workshops on such topics as test anxiety, leadership, AdobeConnect, Blackboard, business and military social etiquette, financial literacy, Green-to-Gold U.S. Army officer training programs, financial aid, and many more are also planned. Please be sure to take advantage of the numerous opportunities that will be made available to you at WKU-E throughout the 2016-2017 academic year.

While the start of a new academic year is always a time for new beginnings, it is, oftentimes, the official end of long-time careers for many who have contributed so unselfishly to the growth and development of future generations. It is in the spirit of gratitude and with much admiration that WKU-E extends special heartfelt congratulations to two phenomenal women who have, without a doubt, had a lasting impact on WKU-E through

their leadership and partnership with us. We salute Dr. Nannette Johnston, Superintendent of Hardin County Schools and Dr. Thelma White, CEO and President of Elizabethtown Community and Technical College on their retirements and wish them all the best as they embark upon new chapters in their books of life.



Nannette Johnston
Superintendent of Schools
Hardin County Schools (HCS)
2006-2016



Dr. Thelma White
CEO/President
Elizabethtown Community
& Technical College (ECTC)
1998-2016

Let's continue to have a fantabulous, fantastic + fabulous, 2016-2017 academic year! Go, Hilltoppers!

CAMPUS NEWS

ANNOUNCEMENTS



- In February 2016, the WKU Elizabethtown-Fort Knox (WKU-E) Faculty and Staff worked with Dr. Cecile Garmon, WKU Management Professor, to develop a strategic plan and mission statement. The new mission statement is as follows: *"WKU Elizabethtown-Fort Knox provides unique educational opportunities that enhance individuals' personal growth by removing barriers to success. These experiences prepare students of all backgrounds to become critically-thinking, socially responsible, citizen-leaders ready to impact local and global communities by fostering intergenerational change*

that contributes to a skilled, vibrant workforce, thereby improving quality of life for the region."

- Through the very generous financial support of Service One Credit Union in Bowling Green, Swope Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram in Elizabethtown, and donations from members of the WKU Heartland Alumni Association, the Fort Knox location of the WKU Elizabethtown-Fort Knox Regional Campus received a 2016 Dodge Grand Caravan seven-passenger van this month to serve students, faculty, and staff engaged in campus activities.



- UPS and WKU-E have partnered together to offer WKU-E students an opportunity to participate in the *UPS Graduate Debt-Free Earn and Learn Program* in

Louisville, Kentucky. Program participants are afforded the opportunity to:

- Earn \$10.15 per hour working part-time
- Receive up to \$150 in weekly bonuses
- Receive up to \$5,250 annually for tuition and textbook reimbursement
- Receive free travel from WKU to the UPS worksite at no cost when there are 20 or more local participants.

Kali Baker and Lindsey Akers attended the UPS Career and College Fair on June 28th, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky, to promote this program and to speak to prospective students.

- This semester, for the very first time, WKU-E will launch a student orientation program targeted at transfer students. Designed to assist the large population of jointly-admitted students who have yet to enroll in their first WKU class; to assist those students who are brand new first-timers to WKU; and to assist returning students who would like a refresher in order to feel completely up to par, this orientation will include, but is not limited to, such topics as: TopNet, Blackboard, Toppermail, and the full-use of WKU website features. Students will also be afforded the opportunity to learn about the various course delivery options that are available to

them; about the other three WKU campus locations; and about the process for obtaining a WKU identification card. Registrants who have not yet been issued a WKU ID card will be issued one. Orientation participants will also be provided training on how to register for classes as well as how to add and drop courses in which they may be enrolled.

- WKU-E is pleased to announce the upcoming completion of its third of three WKU-E IVS classrooms, Room 130, located at the Hardin County Early College and Career Center (EC3) in Elizabethtown. Completion of this important instructional facility during Fall 2016 will not only increase the number of IVS courses that can be taught from EC3 to other WKU IVS sites but also will increase WKU-E's ability to receive a variety of virtual meetings and other events originating from the WKU Bowling Green, WKU Glasgow, and/or WKU Owensboro campus locations.

- Jefferson Community and Technical College (JCTC) and Bluegrass Community Technical College (BCTC) are now official WKU-KCTCS transfer partners. Students attending any of the JCTC or BCTC locations are eligible to participate in the WKU Joint Admissions Program and may qualify for a WKU Transfer Scholarship, pending their fulfillment of current transfer scholarship eligibility criteria.

- WKU-E at Fort Knox has partnered with the University of Louisville to provide training to selected participants in the U.S. Army's Cadre and Faculty Development Course (CFDC). Cadre are comprised of military Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) program instructors who are assigned to locations throughout the U.S. as well as at U.S. Army military installations outside of the country. Interested participants may pursue an Associate of Interdisciplinary Studies (AIS) Degree with WKU, upon successful completion of the CFDC course.

The Cadre and Faculty Development Course educates program participants in best practices for the delivery of instruction in the Army's ROTC programs, which are housed on 275 participating ROTC college campuses as well as more than 1,100 partner/affiliate colleges in the United States. Pedagogy, curriculum, and organizational analyses at the higher education level are addressed throughout the course.

- Brandon Smith from the WKU Department of Military Science in Bowling Green is providing *Green to Gold* briefings on a monthly basis to the Fort Knox Community. This program makes it possible for a student to enroll full-time at WKU, while working toward his or her commission as a second lieutenant in the United States Army. Briefings are held in Room 104 of Building 65 located at 31 Warehouse Street at Fort Knox. Interested persons should call (270) 745-3730 to obtain the most up-to-date schedule for briefings.

- Effective August 22, 2016, WKU-E Middle Grades Education (MGE) class sessions will be held at Hardin County Schools' Early College and Career Center (EC3) in Room 109. Students attending classes at the site during the regular EC3 school day must wear an identification badge at all times. WKU Middle Grades Education courses are now on a new rotation schedule with MGE 275: Foundations of Middle Grades Instruction; MGE 475: Teaching Language Arts; and MGE 481: Teaching Social Studies in the Middle and High School being offered only in the fall semesters. MGE 385: Middle Grades Teaching Strategies will now only be offered during the spring semesters.

- Since June 2015, Drs. Donielle Lovell and Holli Drummond, Associate Professors in the WKU Department of Sociology, have been conducting research on disproportionate minority contact (DMC) in the juvenile justice system in Hardin County. This research, funded by the Kentucky Department of Juvenile Justice, has focused on understanding the points of contact in which DMC may occur; factors contributing to DMC; and community perceptions about DMC as related to juvenile delinquency. In July 2016, the Lovell-Drummond team presented their findings and recommendations to the Kentucky Department of Juvenile Justice.

DID YOU KNOW?

WKU started offering classes in Hardin County in 1964 and established an administrative office at Elizabethtown Community College in 1987.

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS



-Lincoln Trail Elementary School hosted Career Day where various members of the community shared information about their jobs. WKU-E's Student Recruiter and Transfer Advisor, Kali Baker, also spoke to students about the benefits of going to college, how to prepare, and why it is never too early to start planning. At the end of the day, Big Red stole the spotlight!

- WKU-E participated in Elizabethtown Community & Technical College's (ECTC) annual Earth Fair/Earth Day 5K Run in April. The Earth Fair's mission was to create a community/college where "earth-friendly" products, services, technologies and practices could be displayed and to encourage the adoption and use of "earth-friendly" products and services. WKU-E staff members delivered presentations on how to reduce carbon footprints by using IVS (interactive video service) technology in the classroom.

- Monthly, during Spring 2016, Kali Baker, WKU-E Student Recruiter and Transfer Advisor, was a familiar face on the Springfield and Leitchfield campuses of Elizabethtown Community and Technical College. Kali regularly met with prospective students, faculty, and staff, thereby increasing the number of outreach initiatives WKU-E is implementing to encourage first-time students to participate in WKU's Joint Admissions Program and to assist interested prospective transfer students.



- During the Spring 2016 academic term, Erica Frierson, a WKU-E Minority Assistantship Program (MAP) graduate student, implemented a

capstone project to fulfill her educational specialist

degree in educational administration from WKU. Using puppet media, Frierson created a puppet that looked like WKU's Big Red mascot and who visited kindergarten classrooms on a weekly basis, delivering a variety of lessons on such college readiness topics as financial resources, educational pathways to college, where to live during college, and public or private and two or four-year options for colleges. On Tuesday, March 28th, in conjunction with this project, a life-size Big Red mascot--to the delight of many five and six-year-olds--visited Elizabethtown Independent Schools' Panther Academy!

- On May 11th, the WKU-E Campus Library hosted a genealogy workshop presented by WKU Visual and Performing Arts Library Coordinator and Professor, Katherine Pennavaria, and WKU Professor and Coordinator of Government Documents and Law, Rosemary Meszaros. The workshop was well attended by professional librarians in and around Hardin County. Pennavaria recently published the book *Genealogy: A Practical Guide for Librarians*. Both presenters shared various strategies and techniques for conducting genealogy searches in addition to numerous other tools that are useful for genealogists.

- "Building Team Communication" was the theme for WKU-E's Annual Staff Retreat which was held on July 20th. Donned in yellow hard hats, neon orange safety vests, red and blue bandanas, jeans, and high top boots, WKU-E staff members kicked off the day's event with a continental breakfast served on a conference table smartly converted into a divided blacktop highway and filled with all kinds of edible goods served in dump trucks, road cones, and highway sign cups and plates. Hanging road signs, construction warning signs, and a variety of construction tools were combined to create a real "communication construction site" for the retreat.

Ms. Natale Colasanti, ECTC communications instructor engaged retreat attendees in an interactive presentation entitled *Communication and Etiquette for Different Types of Media*. Throughout the day, retreat attendees participated in various exercises to demonstrate the use of effective and ineffective communication techniques that are used within an office setting; thus, providing insight into the critical communication process. Tammy

Younglove, WKU AV Support Specialist from Bowling Green, provided AdobeConnect training, which is another form of communication.



- Big Red from the WKU-E campus made a cameo appearance at the

Greater Louisville (GL) WKU-Alumni "Night at the Bats" on August 21, 2016. The GL WKU-Alumni Association holds a yearly celebration to award scholarships to graduating high school students from the Louisville area. This year, WKU-Scholarships were awarded to twelve seniors during a short presentation before the "Bats" baseball game started. Each scholarship recipient also received a Louisville slugger hardwood bat engraved with his or her first and last name.

Big Red celebrated with the scholarship winners and GL Alumni guests by distributing autographed photos and posing with attendees during photo ops.

- WKU staff members Bea Cobb and Melissa Ballinger at Fort Knox as well as Ronda Sullivan and Sondra Johnson from Elizabethtown participated in the 2016 Association of the United States Army (AUSA) Golf Scramble held at Lindsey Golf Course on June 3, 2016. Proceeds benefited the Fort Knox (AUSA) Chapter and the (AUSA) Institute of Land Warfare. WKU-E is a ten-year corporate member of AUSA.

- On June 22, 2016, Dr. Donielle Lovell, WKU-E Associate Professor of Sociology, was a guest presenter at the inaugural Summer Institute for Science and Math Teachers sponsored by Elizabethtown Community and Technical College (ECTC). The theme of the event was "Collaboration, Exploration, and Application." Dr. Lovell's presentation, "Statistics for Social Justice" focused on ways teachers can incorporate current data into instructional lessons in order to teach fundamental math principles. The presentation provided tips on incorporating media/statistical literacy into class lessons and listed recommended websites from which to build modules using authentic data.

Modules created by Dr. Lovell that could be incorporated into teachers' classes immediately were also shared.

- This spring, the WKU Elizabethtown-Fort Knox Regional Campus was among community supporters of *The News Enterprise Select Preps 2016 Awards Banquet*, a celebration for area



student athletes to recognize their accomplishments. Ms. Kali Baker, WKU-E Student Recruiter and Transfer Advisor, presented Austin Parrish of Larue County High School, with the *2016 Select Prep Award* for the boys' track team.



- WKU-E hosted its fifth commencement ceremony on May 16th at the Hardin County Schools' Performing Arts Center (PAC) in Elizabethtown. Sixty-two graduates participated in the

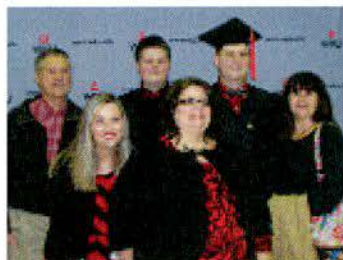
ceremony. Also, in attendance were 531 guests and WKU faculty and staff from both the Elizabethtown and Bowling Green campuses.

Among the graduates were mother and daughter pair Stephanie Bennett, who earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, and Maggie Bennett, who was awarded a Bachelor of Social Work. Both graduates are post-traditional students who delayed college until the right time came along. Graduates in WKU-E's Class of 2016 also included retired veterans, traditional students, post-traditional students, single parents, husband and wife teams, and grandparents.

NEW FACULTY AND STAFF

Western Kentucky University Elizabethtown-Fort Knox proudly welcomes Mark Martin, Instructor of Education and Laura Escobar-Ratliff, Instructor of Social Work to Team WKU-E!

AWESOME ACHIEVEMENTS



- Fort Knox Federal Credit Union's (FKFCU) Vice President for Human Resources, Kenneth Johnson, and WKU Professional Development Specialist, Jeremy

Jenkins, worked collaboratively to carry out WKU-E's very first paid internship at FKFCU. WKU-E student, Chris Riggs, had the exceptional opportunity to gain professional skills and experiences throughout his paid internship. According to Chris, "Fort Knox Federal Credit Union was a good internship for me because it provided real work experience in the growing field of "bank forensics." I had the opportunity to learn how financial institutions function in accordance with federal law to fight fraud and prevent terrorist activity. The staff at FKFCU was great to work with and they provided plenty of training for the work I performed. I would recommend this internship opportunity to anyone interested in pursuing a career in banking, law enforcement, or any career that requires good research and investigation skills."

- Cheers for the red, white, and blue at WKU-E! Work-study and full-time student, Maria Carolina Ray, was naturalized as a United States citizen on June 10th. A social work major and lab assistant at the WKU-E Fort Knox Computer Lab, Ms.



Ray assists students and military personnel with their technology needs by providing personalized customer service. Now, she says, "I am proud to be an American!"

- Nathan Scamihorn, a graduate of the Diesel Technology Program at Elizabethtown Community and Technical College (ECTC) and currently a participant in WKU's JUMP (Joint Undergraduate Master's Program), delivered auto/diesel training to approximately 30 students from Hardin County's Early College and Career Center (EC3) during the

spring semester. JUMP allows him to work on a Master's of Science in Engineering Technology Management while finishing a Bachelor's of Science in Engineering Technology Management. His presentation for EC3 students was a project assigned by his WKU professor, Dr. Bryan Reaka. During his presentation, Nathan taught about basic electricity fundamentals, which is a good stepping stone for the EC3 students who are pursuing auto/diesel or any number of other technical courses (i.e., HVAC, electrical, and robotics) that require a comprehensive understanding of principles of electricity.



- In May 2016, Raven Farrell received the Outstanding WKU-E Middle Grades Education Student Award from WKU's College of Education and Behavioral Sciences. Abigail Ledford was selected the 2016 recipient of the Bachelor of Social Work GPA Award from the WKU College of Health and Human Services, Department of Social Work. Shameka Hardin was selected as the 2016 Outstanding Social Work Student for the WKU Elizabethtown-Fort Knox Campus.

- Just show us the money! Congratulations are definitely in order for Linda Dillard who has been appointed to a new position as Financial Aid Coordinator for Regional Campuses. In her new role, beginning Fall 2016, Linda will be on-site at the WKU Elizabethtown-Fort Knox Campus on Mondays and Thursdays and at the WKU Owensboro Campus on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, with Friday reserved for Bowling Green.



- Dr. Evelyn A. Ellis was recently selected as a member of the 2017 Class for Leadership Hardin County (LHC), a comprehensive leadership

development program. LHC participants are a diverse group of dedicated individuals from business, nonprofit, education and government who are interested in examining ways to strengthen Hardin County. LHC also provides a unique opportunity for interested citizens to learn about the needs and resources of their community.

- Safety and security is always a priority at WKU-E. Therefore, it comes as no surprise that staff members at WKU-E spend time participating in Red Cross training during this summer. Thanks to Hardin County EC3 faculty member and Red Cross instructor, Scott Rouse the majority of WKU staff members are now CPR and AED certified!



- Leona Cowden, a social work major at WKU Elizabethtown-Fort Knox, was selected as the recipient of the first annual post-traditional scholarship awarded by the Zonta Club of Elizabethtown. The one thousand dollar scholarship can be applied toward Ms. Cowden's university tuition and fees or she may be reimbursed up to \$1,000.00 for expenses related to the completion of her post-secondary studies. The Zonta Club of Elizabethtown is affiliated with Zonta International, a leading global organization of professionals empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy. The Elizabethtown Chapter of Zonta meets at 6:00 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of each month at Shoney's Restaurant located at 1046 Executive Drive in Elizabethtown. Interested persons are welcome to attend.

CHAMPION'S CORNER



MEET: BLAKE BUTKOVICH, ACADEMIC ADVISOR

Achievements: In August of 2015, I joined the recruit class for the Rineyville Volunteer Fire Department. I completed my initial 150 hours of

training and service and am now working on my 400-hour certification. This fall, I will be taking the Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) course to become certified in that, as well, and hope to be certified as International Fire Service Accreditation

Congress (IFSAC) Firefighter I & II, Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF), HAZMAT Awareness, and EMT.

What gets me excited about coming to work?: My students. Helping my students graduate and improve their lives is what I enjoy.

Most memorable moment(s) at WKU: When Dr. Stephens used to blast music out of his office when students weren't around (in particular, Dire Straits).

Advice/words to live by: "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart as working for the Lord, not for men." – Colossians 3:23



MEET: EDWARD RAZO II, STUDENT

Major: Social Work

Why did you choose WKU Elizabethtown-Fort Knox?: I wanted a degree in social work and WKU offered classes at the ECTC

campus. I also heard that WKU's Social Work Program is one of the best!

What do you plan to do with your education?:

Gain my Bachelor's in Social Work with high distinction and continue my education at the master's level. I would like to own my own recovery center to help recovering addicts fight the disease of addiction.

Goals: Maintain a 4.0 GPA for my entire college experience. Gain both my bachelor's degree and master's degree in order to become the best social worker I can be!

What gets me excited about coming to school:

Knowing that I am bettering myself for my family and me, through my education. That, one day, I will make a difference in the world.

Most memorable moment(s) at WKU: Being inducted into the Phi Alpha Honor Society at the WKU Bowling Green campus!

Advice/words to live by: "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."



CHAT WITH THE CHANCELLOR

DR. SALLY RAY

WKU Glasgow
Regional Chancellor

WKU Glasgow has made noticeable progress toward the goals outlined in its five-year strategic plan. In reflecting over the last year, the campus has made significant strides in fostering academic excellence, promoting a dynamic and diverse university community, and expanding the institution's educational reach in the region.

The success of our campus, however, depends greatly on the qualities and contributions of our stakeholders, many of whom have earned personal recognition along the way. Our

faculty and staff bring impressive accomplishments

as teachers, scholars, and professionals. Last year alone, we witnessed several noteworthy achievements of WKU Glasgow students and faculty.

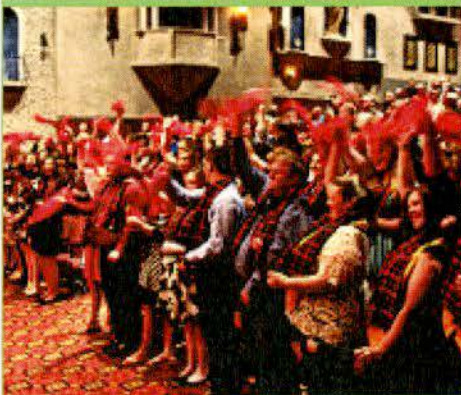
At WKU Glasgow, students receive solid academic preparation and personal guidance from outstanding faculty and staff that enable them to develop and succeed. Most recently, Kara Back, a 2016 graduate majoring in agricultural education at WKU Glasgow, received the Ogden College of Science and Engineering Scholar Award during the 2016 Spring Commencement Ceremonies. Kara was also the recipient of the Spring 2016 WKU Glasgow Scholar Award. Alex Goldsmith, a sociology major at WKU Glasgow, received the Seneca Falls Personal Empowerment Award at the 2016 Gender and Women's Studies Award Ceremony.

Students like Kara, Alex and so many others excel on our campus, in large part, due to the dedication and commitment of the Glasgow faculty. Teaching and learning are both important to these outstanding educators, and the results have been amazing. In recognition of superior academic performance of our students, it is common to see faculty members recognized, as well, for providing teaching excellence and engaged scholarly work.

This past semester, Mrs. Laura Houchens, WKU Glasgow English Instructor and Co-coordinator of the WKU Glasgow START Center (Student Tutoring and Resource Team) and Dr. Nicole Breazeale received special recognitions. Mrs. Houchens received the University's 2016 inaugural Part-Time Instructor Award. This award recognizes an individual for excellence as part-time instructor. Dr. Breazeale is one of five finalists for the prestigious 2016 Ernest A. Lynton Award for the Scholarship of Engagement for Early Career



SAVE THE DATE



WKU Glasgow Graduand Ceremony

A pre-commencement ceremony

Thursday, December 1
6:30 p.m.

Glasgow Plaza Theatre

115 E Main Street
Glasgow, Kentucky

For more information
[click here.](#)

Candidates. This award recognizes individuals in a range of institutions and disciplines who are pushing the boundaries of faculty work in fundamentally new and increasing engaged directions.

Based on these successes and those of past years, it is quite clear that the WKU campus in Glasgow provides quality post-secondary opportunities through WKU Glasgow, and the citizens who live and work in this region are responding and doing so most impressively. As we begin a new academic year, I welcome our students, new faculty and returning faculty to WKU Glasgow. I look forward to working with you in further pursuit of our strategic goals in service to the students of WKU and WKU Glasgow.

CAMPUS NEWS



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- WKU Glasgow students helped spearhead and participate in a service-learning project that generated a great deal

of publicity and community excitement this last semester. Undergraduates and inmates at the Barren County Detention Center worked together to install a jail garden using sustainable agriculture practices while also learning about the contemporary food system. Two of Dr. Nicole Breazeale's sociology classes and one of Mrs. Lindsey Reynolds' agriculture classes were involved in the project. Students have continued to participate in the weekly garden work days over the summer and a follow-up course will be offered in the fall. Read more [here](#).

- Learn and Earn, a WKU program based at WKU Glasgow that allows students to work part-time while getting half of their tuition paid, is looking to expand to WKU's Bowling Green Campus. The Learn and Earn program is working to partner with companies in Warren County in an effort to serve WKU's Bowling Green students.



- WKU Glasgow hosted a WKU Speech-Language



Pathology Lab on campus over the summer. In collaboration with WKU's Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, Dr. Leigh Anne

Roden-Carrier, Clinical Assistant Professor, and four graduate students operated a speech-language pathology lab on campus that saw the treatment of many local residents.

- The Glasgow Transit System recently received a



new look thanks to Heather Garcia, Marketing Manager of WKU's

Regional Campuses, Glasgow City, and Glasgow Transit.

- John Roberts, Coordinator of Student Affairs, is excited to announce the appointment of three new student ambassadors:

- Andrew Lee, Elementary Education major
- Josh Blankenship, Elementary Education major
- Kendra Cline, Elementary Education major

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

- WKU Glasgow hosted a *Financial Aid for College* walk-in workshop for FAFSA on January 19 and 28 in room 112.

- WKU Glasgow welcomed back students from winter break on Monday, January 25.

- KHEAA hosted a *FAFSA Walk-in Workshop* at WKU Glasgow on February 9.

- Tess McKinley, Assistant Director, Professional Development Specialist, hosted the following events at WKU Glasgow:

- *Need Help Finding a Major?*
- *How to Create a Resume*
- *How to Sell Yourself During an Interview*
- *Job Search Techniques*
- *WKU Glasgow Spring 2016 Job Fair*



- WKU Glasgow hosted high school students for Junior Achievement's *Work Ethic Seal Program* on March 8.

-WKU Glasgow hosted high school students for the *Barren River Regional FFA Speaking Field Day* on March 10.



-WKU Glasgow hosted the third annual *Festival Cultural Hispano* on Wednesday, April 20, at WKU Glasgow.

- WKU Glasgow hosted the annual *Topper Twenty* event on Tuesday, April 26 at the TJ Health Pavilion's Community Room.

- WKU Glasgow hosted *Graduand Ceremony* on Thursday, May 5, at the Glasgow Plaza Theatre.



- WKU Glasgow sponsored the Third Quarterly Breakfast for the Glasgow Barren County Chamber of Commerce on July 15. The program featured Leslie Witty,

Program Manager for *WKU Learn and Earn*. Witty provided information to attendees about how *Learn and Earn* is benefitting the local economy and local residents.

- WKU Glasgow hosted prospective students during an Information Session on July 19. Participants received the opportunity to learn more about programs and resources at WKU Glasgow as well as the opportunity to meet with professionals from WKU Glasgow.

- Students at WKU Glasgow received visits during the spring semester from an array of departments and organizations including the On Demand, the WKU Talisman, WKU SGA, Graves Gilbert Clinic, Adult Learner Services, and Service One Credit Union.

NEW FACULTY AND STAFF



- Ms. Rachel Jones, Career Counselor and Employer Relations



Mrs. Annette - Stratton, -
Administrative Assistant



- Mrs. Lauren Swayne, Student Recruitment Specialist

AWESOME ACHIEVEMENTS



- Krystol Stinson, the outreach coordinator with WKU's Veterans Upward Bound project who also serves WKU Glasgow's Military Student Services, has been elected to the Kentucky Veterans Hall of Fame.

Krystol was recognized in Frankfort on September 17th. Click [here](#) for the story.

- Laura Houchens received the inaugural Part-Time Instructor Award from the Potter College of Arts & Letters at the 2016 Faculty Awards Reception.



- Dr. Nicole Breazeale is one of five finalists for the prestigious 2016 Ernest A. Lynton Award for the Scholarship of Engagement for Early Career Candidates.

- Melaine Asriel, Instructor of Psychological Sciences, was recently [published](#) in the *Journals of Gerontology: Psychological Sciences*.





- Dr. Trini Stickle, Assistant Professor of English, had a paper published in the *Demeter Press*.

- Alex Goldsmith, Sociology major at WKU Glasgow, was

awarded the *Seneca Falls Personal Empowerment Award* at the 2016 Gender & Women's Studies Awards Ceremony.



- Kara Back, received the *WKU Glasgow Scholar Award* during the May 2016 Graduation Ceremony as well as the *Ogden College of Science & Engineering Scholar Award* during the 2016 Spring Commencement Ceremonies.



ALUMNI NOTES

- Lauren Ollery, WKU Class of 2016, recently completed an internship at Benchmark Family Services. She will begin another internship at Adanta this fall. Lauren will begin a Master of Social Work at WKU this fall.

- Brandy Thompson, WKU Class of 2015, recently completed boards in February and April to begin working as an APRN at Taylor Regional Hospital in Internal Medicine in Campbellsville, KY. Brandy is also running for the Kentucky Nurses Association (KNA) Government Affairs Cabinet.

- Brandon Davis, WKU Class of 2013, recently completed a Master of Science in Homeland Security at WKU. He is serving as a Certified Information System Security Professional and Security Engineer in Nashville, TN.

- [Jacob and Nikita Read](#), WKU Class of 2012, completed graduate degrees in Family Nurse Practitioner degrees in 2015 from Vanderbilt University. Currently, the Reads are serving as traveling nurse practitioners in Pine Ridge, SD, treating the Lakota natives.

- Lori Knight, WKU Class of 2014, is working at a newly obtained job in Accounts Payable with the Lyons Company in Glasgow, KY.

- Brittany Cain, WKU Class of 2016, was hired as the GED Instructor for Monroe County. Additionally, Brittany and her husband, Eric, welcomed their fifth child and their first boy of five children. Brittany plans to begin a graduate degree in the near future.

- Melissa Edmonds, WKU Class of 2015, is working as a RN at the Medical Center in Bowling Green, KY. Currently, Melissa is enrolled at WKU to begin working toward a BSN. She is also engaged to be married.

- Robert Brown, WKU Class of 2015 obtained a teaching position at Park City Elementary School. Robert will be teaching third grade this year. Also, Robert has been named as the Assistant Coach for Barren County Middle School's football team.

- Allison Key, WKU Class of 2016 was hired to teach second grade at Highland Elementary in Glasgow, KY.

- Jessica Rowe, WKU Class of 2013, is in her second year of teaching Language Arts at Bowling Green Junior High School. Jessica is enrolled at the University of the Cumberlands working on a Master of Arts of Teaching Secondary English.

- Kelsey Gregg, WKU Class of 2016, was hired by the Allen County Intermediate Center in Scottsville, KY, to teach fifth grade.

CHAMPION'S CORNER

MEET: JAMES D. DUFF, BARREN COUNTY DEPUTY SHERIFF, DEPUTY JAMES DUFF SRO



Job description: I am a sworn law enforcement officer, law related counselor and law-related educator. My first responsibility is to assist WKU administration in maintaining a safe and secure environment on campus.

In addition, I work in collaboration with WKU and the community as a resource for safety and security issues and provide a highly visible presence to deter or identify crime. I also investigate violations of criminal law and, when it's appropriate, make arrests. I serve as a positive role model with high moral standards and use good judgment and discretion. Through this, students learn and understand what a professional police officer does.

Achievements: I retired as the Interim Chief of Police at the Glasgow Police Department in 2015 with 23 years of service. During my service at the Glasgow Police Department, I received the Purple Heart and Medal of Valor award.

What gets me excited about coming to work:

After 23 years of law enforcement, I still felt like I had something to give to the community. When this position came up I felt like I could serve our community in another very important role as a School Resource Officer. With my law enforcement background, this opportunity gives me the chance to counsel and educate students, faculty and staff about law enforcement matters. When I was hired for this position, I was told this was a new program between the Barren County Sheriff's Office, WKU Police Department and Western Kentucky University and I wanted to be a part of that partnership. In my new role, I get a chance to protect, serve and educate while still serving my community.

Most memorable moment(s) at WKU: The very warm welcome I received from the administration, faculty and staff at WKU Glasgow Campus and the WKU Police Department.

Advice/words to live by: "There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work and learning from failure." – **Colin Powell**



MEET: LINDSEY REYNOLDS, AGRICULTURE INSTRUCTOR AND ADVISOR FOR WKU GLASGOW; DUAL CREDIT LIAISON FOR DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Job description: I am the primary agriculture instructor at the WKU Glasgow Campus. This regional campus services 60-65 agriculture major/minor students annually. Courses in animal science, rural sociology, science of agriculture, statistics, and study away are offered. Advising is critical for regional campus students to ensure a timely graduation. I additionally coordinate the dual credit efforts for the Department of Agriculture.

What gets me excited about coming to work: I am fortunate to be involved with a program that not only am I passionate about, but also my students. Having students who are eager to learn and then excited to apply those principles in the agriculture

industry lets me know every day that there are still individuals who want to work hard, build their communities, and make a difference.

Most memorable moment(s) at WKU: My most memorable moment at WKU was actually a Study Away course I taught this summer, AGRI 475: Kentucky Agriculture. Traveling for a week with college students and learning about the diversity of agriculture in Kentucky was the most fulfilling experience I have had. Seeing students engage in study outside of the traditional classroom environment was indeed inspirational to me as an educator.

Advice/words to live by: It does not cost anything or take talent to be kind. Kindness has a tremendous and unique ripple effect; it is amazing how small gestures of one can become inspirational and life changing notions to others.



MEET: MARYMAE HENSLEY, STUDENT

Major: Bachelor of Social Work

Why did you choose WKU Glasgow? I wanted to earn a degree close to home and I also loved the small class sizes. During my time in the Social

Work program at the Glasgow campus I feel that my class has become family to me! I have gained many lifelong friends!

What do you plan to do with your education? After completing the Social Work Program at the end of August, I hope to obtain a full time job close to my hometown of Edmonton that way I can give back to my community.

Achievements: Just a few months ago I was lucky enough to land a temporary job at the University of Louisville. My job title is "Community Health Navigator." With this job, I work with the elderly in Barren, Hart, and Metcalfe Counties. I assist these individuals with "navigating" the health care system as well as linking them to any needed resources that may be available in the community.

What gets me excited about coming to school:

Knowing that I'm one day closer to reaching my goal of becoming a Social Worker!

Most memorable moment(s) at WKU: My most memorable moment at WKU would be participating in the Graduand at the Plaza Theater this past May and having most of my family present to share this exciting time with me.

Advice/words to live by: I have always loved a quote by Abe Lincoln, "Whatever you are, be a good one."



MEET: TAYLOR CHOATE, STUDENT

Major: Agriculture

Why did you choose WKU Glasgow?

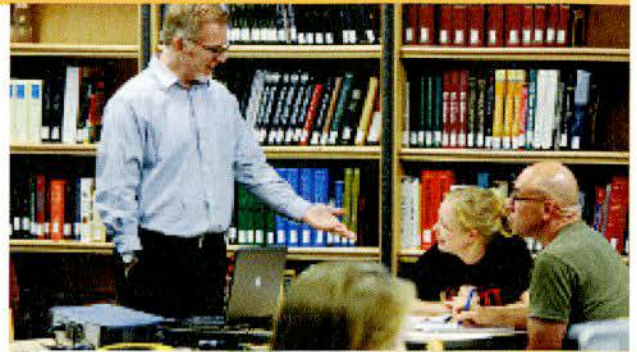
The reason I chose WKU Glasgow was because it was close to home. I still wanted to work on the family farm, and I loved the campus, small class sizes and the professors there.

What do you plan to do with your education? I plan to be an agriculture extension agent when I graduate.

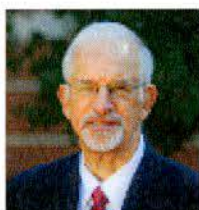
What gets me excited about coming to school: What gets me excited to come to school is that I'm getting closer to my career, and there are usually a few classes I enjoy and find interesting.

Most memorable moment(s) at WKU? My most memorable moment at WKU would be the Kentucky study away experience trip. We visited different agriculture and history related places across Kentucky, and the out-of-class experience and the classmates that went with me made the trip. We had a more laid back environment and were able to see things and learn first-hand rather than from a book or lecture.

Advice/words to live by: My best advice for college is to be organized. I'm personally a huge procrastinator. I've gotten better by scheduling my week of studying and homework in advance so I always have time for everything.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

In 2016, U.S. News & World Report ranked WKU third in the nation for Best Online Bachelor Degree Programs category. Online learners in the WKU Glasgow service area can utilize student support services and resources offered on campus such as academic advising, financial aid, career services, etc.



CHAT WITH THE CHANCELLOR

DR. GENE TICE

WKU Owensboro
Regional Chancellor

WKU Owensboro continues to emphasize the importance of higher education in the Owensboro community and is proud of the achievements of our local students. I encourage you to read on to learn about the impressive things our students, faculty, and staff achieved and were part of during the spring and summer 2016 terms. The 2016-2017 academic year is off to a great start. We, as a campus, always eagerly anticipate the renewed energy and excitement for learning that students bring to campus each fall. WKU Owensboro looks forward to another successful year of helping students achieve their educational and career goals.



SAVE THE DATE



2017 WKU Owensboro Commencement Ceremony

Monday, May 15
6:30 p.m.

RiverPark Center
101 Daviess Street
Owensboro, Kentucky

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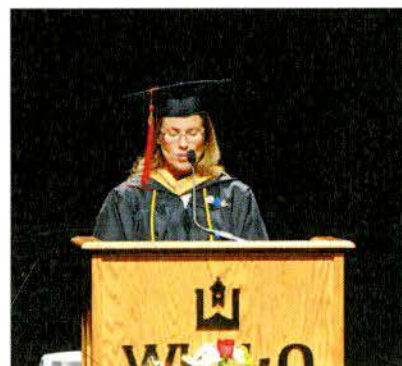
ANNOUNCEMENTS



The WKU Owensboro lobby underwent a transformation over the summer with the addition of red paint and the university ideal of "The Spirit Makes the Master."

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

WKU Owensboro held its sixth commencement ceremony on Monday, May 16, 2016. Students, their families, and WKU faculty and staff enjoyed celebrating the accomplishments of graduates at the Owensboro RiverPark Center. Dr. Dennis George gave the commencement address, graduate Jennifer Bowlds gave the student salutation, and Tara Estes was the featured vocalist.



- The WKU Dynamic Leadership Institute continues to be a popular program at the WKU Owensboro campus. DLI is designed to teach students the interpersonal skills and knowledge needed to engage in various leadership roles on campus, within the community, and in their future. DLI sessions are offered in WKU Owensboro classes and through DLI-in-a-Day sessions throughout each semester.



- WKU had over 30 social work students participate in the event "Lobby Day" at the Capitol in Frankfort. Lobby Day allows social work students to learn about legislation that impacts our community

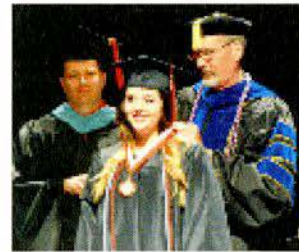
members who are most at risk and underserved. The NASW (National Association of Social Workers) had officials onsite to speak with students about advocacy. WKU social work faculty arranged meetings with area legislators to advocate on behalf of our community on social welfare bills up for vote. Students and faculty ended the day with an invitation to observe the senate gallery proceedings. WKU Owensboro was well represented with 10 social work students in attendance. Karisa Young, Taylor Baird, Jennifer Foster, Andre Green, Toni Ebling, Dana Tackett, Sarah Bowman, Delanie Puckett, Kelsi Minto, and Brody Norris along with Dr. Whitney Harper.

NEW FACULTY AND STAFF



WKU Owensboro welcomes Chelsea Martin, Academic Advisor. Chelsea joined the WKU Owensboro staff in May 2016. Check out the "Champion's Corner" to learn more about Chelsea!

AWESOME ACHIEVEMENTS



- Sophia Henderson was recognized as The Scholar of the College for University College, a recognition given to the baccalaureate student in each undergraduate college with the highest

cumulative overall grade point average and a minimum of 60 semester hours earned in residence.

- Katie Janoski received the Outstanding Owensboro Undergraduate Student in Elementary Education Award, an award presented to one student from each campus and chosen through faculty nominations.



- Erin McCormick received the Outstanding Education Administration Student Award, an award received by only four students in the WKU Principal Certification program.

- Brittany Dixon received the Larry Hager Award presented by The Owensboro Rotary Club, an award based on character, service above self and academic achievement.

- 19 WKU Owensboro students completed internships during the 2015-2016 academic year. Internship placement sites included Green River Health Department, Ohio County Hospital, the Kentucky Mavericks, Necco Inc., UniFirst, Audubon Area Community Services, American Red Cross, Owensboro Daviess County Convention & Visitors Bureau, Owensboro's Friday After 5 concert series, RiverValley Behavioral Health, Owensboro's Centre for Business & Research, The Kentucky Dairy Development Council, Western Kentucky Botanical Gardens, and The City of Owensboro.



- WKU Owensboro Social Work students hosted a poster presentation event at WKU Owensboro to showcase projects

completed at their placement sites.

- WKU Owensboro student, Sarah Bowman, was one of 58 students to participate in WKU's 2016 LeaderShape Institute. Read more [here](#).



- Steve Bridgmon, a senior at WKU Owensboro, served as a Lead Coordinator at Envision this summer. This summer position allowed him to coordinate opportunities for students from all over the world to shadow NYC-based journalists

at media outlets like CNBS, NBC, and CNN. Bridgmon, an Organizational Leadership major said, "I decided on WKU because of the opportunities offered for non-traditional students. There is a wide band of opportunities that are offered not only to young students, but anyone of any age. I am so glad we found the right fit for me at WKU and a major that is really putting me places I never dreamed I would work."



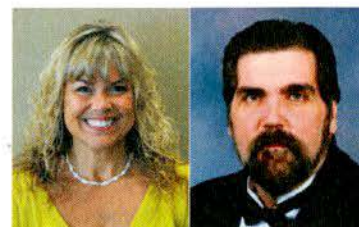
- Dr. Chandrakanth Emani, Associate Professor of Biology, earned the rank of Associate Professor and was awarded tenure, effective Fall 2016. Congratulations, Dr. Emani!

- Drew Wedding, WKU Owensboro's Facility Services Coordinator, earned a Master of Science in Recreation and Sport Administration with an emphasis in Facility and Event Management from WKU in Spring 2016.



-Two WKU Owensboro faculty members earned doctorate degrees during the 2015-2016 academic year. Dr.

Whitney Harper, Assistant Professor of Social Work, earned a Doctor of Philosophy in Human Development and Family Studies degree from Michigan State University. Dr. Darryl Dockery, adjunct faculty in music, earned a Doctor of Philosophy in Pastoral Counseling from the American Association of Pastoral Counselors.



- Richard House, WKU Owensboro's Campus Evening Facilitator, earned a Professional Master of Business Administration degree from WKU in Spring 2016. Richard was part of the WKU Owensboro PMBA cohort.

ALUMNI NOTES

- The WKU Owensboro Alumni chapter held their annual Day at the Races at Ellis Park on August 27.



- The WKU Owensboro Alumni Chapter still has limited edition Aaron Kizer Big Red prints available! Prints are signed and numbered by the artist and are \$100 each. All funds go toward scholarships. Contact Brooklyn Foster at brooklyn.foster@wku.edu or 270-852-5995.

CHAMPION'S CORNER



MEET: CHELSEA MARTIN, ACADEMIC ADVISOR

Job Description: Right now, I'm spending my time learning the ins and outs of the programs that we offer here in Owensboro. As a full time advisor, I could see an

Elementary Education student in the morning, followed by a Nursing student later in the day, and wrap up with a student pursuing their Bachelors of Interdisciplinary Studies in the afternoon. Being able to help each student who comes in on his or her individual degree plan and help him or her navigate the process from enrolling the first time to the last time before graduation is crucial. Our student population is so diverse with many being adult learners and/or non-traditional students that finding ways to help make my role in their academic journey a very important step. Another big part of my job is to be able to be "bilingual" as in articulating the WKU requirements for degrees in both the language of course offerings for WKU as well as the equivalencies at KCTCS schools. Our partnership with OCTC in particular is a big part of the puzzle in assessing records and degree programs to help students work their way towards graduation.

Achievements: During the final semester of my graduate work, I was awarded the Marsha Houston Award for Outstanding Graduate Student work in Social Justice and Diversity. Dr. Houston is a remarkable scholar in this area, and it was an honor to have been chosen. This paired with my recent Master's Degree are my biggest academic feats to date. The award came to recognize my work studying diversity including areas of gender, race, class, ability, and more. My colloquia presentation for the department and the highlighted research for the award dug into how students are represented in higher education and how that representation mirrors bigger societal representations which has helped to shape my approach to advising in higher education.

What gets me excited about coming to work: The campus is buzzing with students in the classrooms and faculty are in their offices. Plus, the new paint and lettering in the front lobby of our building sure makes me excited every time I see it.

Most memorable moment(s) at WKU: If you'd asked me this before May, it would've been not only walking once but twice in Bowling Green when I earned my two degrees in 2014. I got to spend such a monumental day surrounded by classmates who became friends in two very different worlds – science and arts. However, now my answer is being able to return to my alma mater in a very different role two years later. I loved my graduate experience down South, but am so excited to be back in the Bluegrass and surrounded by others who are passionate about WKU and the students who will join us as alumni after they get to experience their own commencement celebrations.

Advice/words to live by: Jim Rohn said many things in his lifetime, but the one I like most is this: "If you really want to do something you'll find a way, if you don't you'll find an excuse." We probably all can think of a time when something seemed to be unsurmountable that finding an excuse of why/how it was impossible was much easier/faster/better than finding a solution or a way to achieve it. Academics happen to be a place where this phenomena is frequent – even I have blamed a poor test score on the professor instead of admitting I didn't study hard enough. However, what makes experiences different is both in the approach and the resolution – especially whether these two even exist in a person's story. Had a terrible time being a student the first, second, third time around? Why was that? What did you do to resolve the problems or hurdles? How did you end up succeeding? Part of my job is creative problem solving and helping to connect students with resources when the deck seems to be stacked against them, helping to identify options and plans and ultimately sitting back as s/he decides what is going to be best. Taking that ownership is a life lesson, one that I've had to learn myself and also to accept the help when it is available, to find success.

**MEET: CHELSEY DAUGHERTY, STUDENT**

Major: Interdisciplinary Studies
emphasis on Education

What do you plan to do with your education?: I plan to continue to earn my Masters in Higher Education.

Hopefully, I will work for a university in the near future.

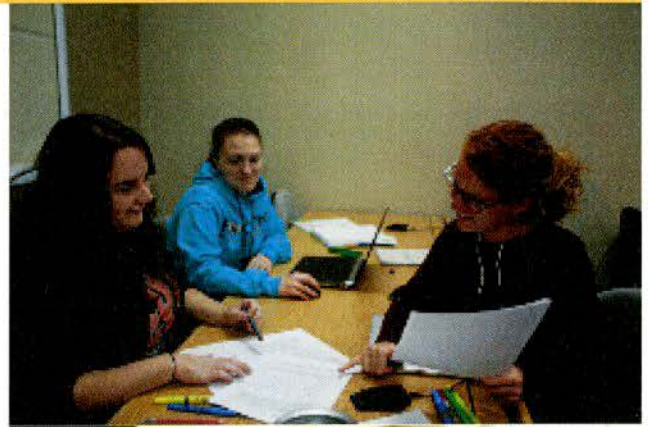
Why did you choose WKU Owensboro?: I have always loved the family feeling WKU has and moving away from home was not an option. Close to home was a huge thumbs up for choosing this campus. Also, I love the uniqueness of the class with all the variety of people. It makes making friends a lot easier having all age peers sharing common goals.

Achievements: My achievement is making my kids proud and not giving up. I have pushed through a lot of tough obstacles and never once gave up. I have become a very strong person and someone I am proud to have my children looking up to.

What gets me excited about coming to school every day: I love the accomplished feeling I have at the end of each semester. I know I am one step closer to reaching my goal!

Most memorable moment(s) at WKU: My most memorable moment at WKU was the summer and fall semesters I worked at the Owensboro campus. I have learned so much and have bonded with people I will remember forever. The group of individuals I work with are so supportive and encouraging it makes my job so much more exciting. I have networked with people in the community that I would never have met without this job. This has been an unforgettable end to my education career at WKU.

Advice/words to live by: I feel like with the job I had at WKU Owensboro, I learned that I wanted to inspire people. I had so many inspirations growing up and people I just admired, I want to be that for someone someday. One of my favorite quotes is "I want to inspire people. I want someone to look at me and say 'because of you I didn't give up.'"

**DID YOU KNOW?**

WKU Owensboro's top five undergraduate programs are Elementary Education, Interdisciplinary Studies, RN to BSN, Social Work, and Systems Management.